ryots that every tank should have bunds and every channel should have banks. These have to be recorded as poramboke to prevent encroachments on them which are now found to be frequent.

In regard to the rate, it is fixed in reference to the trees standing on such porambokes. Each case will be disposed of on its merits and all possible relief afforded.

38. Desirability of registering bunds on the sides of paddy fields and the trees standing on them in the names of the owners of adjacent lands.

Mr. R. Narayana Iyer (*Kottarakara*) said that the owners of wet lands generally put up bunds on the sides of their fields and planted trees on them. The Settlement department treated such bunds as poramboke and registered them in the names of whomsoever they might choose. He requested that this mode of indiscriminate registry might be stopped and the lands and trees registered in the names of their owners.

Mr. Kanakku Parameswaran Krishnan (*Kottarakara*) also spoke on the same subject.

Reply.—This statement does not correspond with the existing practice and rules. But if any concrete instance is brought to notice, it will receive attention.

39. Introduction of some measure to avoid loss to the ryots consequent upon the filing of numerous civil suits from the hasty decisions of settlement supervisors.

Mr. N. Govinda Pillai (*Kunnattur*) said that temporary supervisors were deputed from different departments for settlement work and their decisions were both hasty and unsatisfactory. The poor ryots could not seek redress in civil courts as the cost was prohibitive. The member requested that some measures might be devised to afford relief in this matter.

Reply.—The general principles of the new scheme of settlement were discussed last year. Government did not then consider that any interference was called for, nor does the present statement appear to be correct as a general rule. Individual cases of error may be rectified on the spot. If the party is not satisfied and goes to court, it cannot be helped. Correctness of decision will be enforced as far as possible and efficient supervision exercised.

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40. That rough pattahs should contain full particulars of holdings.

Mr. Punnoose Chacko (Todupuzha) requested that fuller particulars of properties might be ordered to be entered in the rough pattahs than was the practice at present.

Reply.—Rough pattahs in the form now fixed contain all the necessary particulars. If more information is wanted, parties may apply for and get copies of chittas.

41. Investment of Tahsildars with power to make corrections in the pattahs issued by the Settlement department.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Chengannur) represented that there were several patent errors in the pattahs now issued by the Settlement department and parties could be saved the trouble of seeking remedy in civil courts, if Tahsildars were invested with the power of making corrections in the same.

Mr. K. Kochu Thomman (Chengannur) spoke in support.

Reply.—The pattahs issued by the Settlement department are final until there is change of ownership, in which case, the necessary transfers of registry will be effected by the Tahsildars. The Revenue authorities cannot be authorised to make any correction in the pattahs as proposed. Government do not think any alteration in the existing practice is called for.

42. Grant of pattahs to jenmies and not kudiyans in respect of Ayacut and other properties.

Mr. Narayanan Jatavedar Namburipad (Muvattupuzha) said that for all kanapattom and other lands belonging to jenmies, pattahs should be granted in their names only.

Reply.—Government do not think it desirable to alter the existing practice as it will give rise to numerous difficulties.

43. Certain irregularities in the Nanjanad settlement operations.

Mr R. Nambi Iyer (Tovala) brought forward this subject.

Reply.—The subject is vague. It is noted that the settlement of Nanjanad was completed years ago.

44. Certain defects in the new settlement and the necessity for some amendments in the existing procedure.

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